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Mock Colombians Invade Mock U. N. Assembly

by Simon Westlake
reporter

On Wednesday, January 10, 1990, the MBA mock United Nations Assembly met again in Wallace Hall. Students represented such diverse nations as Jamaica, U.S.S.R., Panama, Colombia, Mexico, Japan, and Ethiopia. Before the evening's event could proceed, however, Mr. Mikell confiscated numerous weapons: an Uzi, a .357 Magnum, machetes, knives, etc... The agenda for the evening included resolutions odd enough to match the outlandish costumes worn by some of the participants.

Five resolutions were put up to vote:

Resolution I, presented by Jay Bradford, representing Israel, called for the condemnation of the P.L.O. by the U.N., and the use of a

multinational peacekeeping force to crack down on P.L.O. activities. After much heated debate (and a stage fire started by Steve Anderson), Resolution I was passed.

Resolution II, presented by John McDonald (Cuba), calling for full voting rights for Cuba, failed to pass.

Resolution III, presented by T. Spencer Leek (Federal Republic of Germany), asked that a popular vote be taken (and answered) in the two Germanies as to whether or not the nations should reunify. Greece argued the point of Germany's historically dangerous sense of nationalism. Mr. Jim Haynes, speaking for all of Great Britain's punks, said, "Let's lay off and let them do what they want." Despite the strong opposition, Resolution III was passed.

Resolution IV, presented



by Richard Pulley (Iraq), called for the formation of a separate Palestinian state; it did not pass.

Resolution V, the final resolution, passed with a clear majority. Presented by the two Colombian ambassadors, George Rietz and Jay Ferguson, it requested an international police force to be formed to battle the drug car-

tels. As Mr. Rietz walked to the microphone to speak, the doors burst open and seven armed men poured into the room, blocking the exits. The page, Steve Anderson, grabbing a confiscated semi-automatic pistol, leapt forward to protect Mr. Mikell, who cowered in fear behind the desk. Ambassador Matt Poe entered a struggle with one assailant, but his position was soon assumed by the more forceful and violent Brett Stahlman.

Once calm returned, the assailants seized Mr. Rietz as a hostage. They proceeded to identify themselves as members of the Medellin drug cartel, and the new head of the Colombian government. The menacing Rob Howell demanded official U.N. recognition and legalization of cocaine. The group then ex-

ited the building with Mr. Rietz. A short while later, a shot was heard, and it is assumed that Mr. Rietz met his unfortunate end. The council then voted to pass Resolution V and put an end to such violent acts of barbarism.

Will Enkema, left, and David Workman, below, represent Panama and Ethiopia at the Mock U. N. Assembly on January 10.



Students Support, Teachers Reject Possibility of MBA "Winterim"

by David Daniels
staff writer

Now that we have survived the annual January tests, which obviously weigh heavily in our semester course grade, it is only natural to remember the sleepless nights too many of us endured during that intense, serious week.

Yet, several students entertain the idea of dealing with this hellish period before Christmas break, when students drop their textbooks and rest for two weeks. Some of these same students have been impressed by Harpeth Hall's Winterim, three weeks of off-campus, academic studies for the high school students, and have envisioned a similar program for MBA. As we explore the views of the students and faculty regarding this annually controversial topic, ask yourself when you would rather deal with the pressure of exams, before or after the holidays.

Many students support the notion of moving exams to the week before Christmas,

despite their realization that this landmark would begin the school year approximately two weeks earlier in August.

First of all, several young men, like Jim Morehead, compare MBA to other schools in Nashville, almost all of which finish their exams prior to the break. In fact, MBA is well-known and indeed identified throughout the city as beginning the new year with the uniquely excruciating tests.

Now that they have survived their last mid-term examinations on the Hill, many seniors proudly assert "Who cares?" when asked whether or not these interrogations should be before Christmas. David Lott, however, raises the excellent point that students need a recuperative period, more than a Monday, to recover from the exhaustion. These two weeks would allow the young man to cool off, have fun, sleep till two in the afternoon, watch the bowl games, and refuel for the

equally important second semester.

Some students, however, would like to begin the next half of the year with a program, a "Winterim," that would broaden the horizons of the students. Richard Fitzgerald and Cabot Hyde see a strong need for a "week" of career opportunities and exploration following the return to the campus.

As a matter of fact, some teachers are in support of Winterim, or at least some period of relaxed, academic study sometime during the year. Mr. Moxley, for instance, familiar with Harpeth Hall's winter schedule and goals, would enjoy a time of on-campus, brief, and most importantly, specialized study program for each class in which one is enrolled. For example, he suggests a week-long study devoted to Faulkner for his sophomore English class.

Mr. Womack especially supports this proposal; however, he actually favors a

"Summerim" during which his exam-exempt students engage in activities that extend beyond the MBA campus. They may include "studying modern art in New York or even going backpacking." This AP Art History teacher does, though, agree with MBA's current exam schedule and believes that a change would require a "drastic change in curriculum (courses offered and number of semesters)."

Like other AP teachers, Mr. Womack is terribly opposed to a "Winterim" (January), since these faculty members are extremely pressed to cover vast amounts of college material.

Sharing this opinion is Mr. Drake, who believes that "if a student is that interested in a non-athletic subject, let him do it on his own time." The courses taught during this time are always questionable ("going to study dolphins in Hawaii"). Mr. Drake also feels that if exams were given before the Christmas break,

students would do poorly. He feels that the break allows students to review at their own pace.

Supporting the present system is Mr. Lanier, who suggests that English teachers, if the break were instituted, would have two more weeks to examine the exams carefully and thoroughly, thereby lowering the grades.

Overlooked, however, is how exams before Christmas would affect AP students. If exams were given earlier in December, we would have to start school earlier, in order to cover the same material but school would also end two weeks earlier, the same time as the AP exams. This would allow those AP students who presently come to school for only one class after AP exams to be finished sooner.

By now you have seen some reasons and ideas for these two proposed changes in MBA's curriculum. Yet action will be taken only by popular student demand.

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OPINIONS

Solutions Needed to Lessen Exam Pressure

by John Teeter

staff writer

MBA is a school rich in tradition and heritage, with a long tradition of high academic standards and equally high standards concerning gentlemanly behavior. The heritage of the Hill is passed through generations with a no less than stoic view of change.

This attitude is the embodiment of MBA, but it, too, has its downfalls. In all things change is good at some time, and we at MBA have reaped the rewards of change ever since Dr. Paschall became headmaster. There is, however, one aspect of the academic program here which is an important concern: exams.

The reduction of the percentage exams count towards semester averages from 33% to 25% has taken some pressure off, but in reality the anxiety failing an exam and having to go to summer school weighs heavily upon both those who simply have trouble studying and those who need relatively high exam scores to pull up their grades.

Admittedly, the school cannot cater to every student's needs or make ex-

ams non-existent; that is not the point. The point is to take some pressure of students so that they may not have to consume a bottle of Roloids before each exam and so that these students, without the unnecessary pressure, will be able to obtain higher scores.

"A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds."

Emerson

Enough talk, let us present a few solutions: have genuine help classes where teachers provide hints or generate review work to practice rather than hold silent sessions of staring at the students, waiting for a question to be asked; create a cut-off date before exams where no material may be presented, thus allowing ample time to review in class.

Teachers might consider making out comprehensive study outlines to allow the student to prepare more thoroughly for the problems actually on the exams.

It must be remembered, however, that MBA's teachers are its greatest asset, and in the end, their say is final; yet we cannot forget the words of Emerson or our last semester's exam grades.

Therefore, begin a movement of change, relieve the pressures of exams, and live long and prosper.

MBA's Hair Code: Hypocritical Emphasis on Appearance...

by Drew Heitzler

writer

Since 1867, Montgomery Bell Academy has dedicated itself to a philosophy of helping each young man become a scholar, an athlete, and most importantly a gentleman. What the students and administration alike must now realize is that it is impossible to legislate a gentleman.

According to Webster's Third New International Dictionary, a gentleman is a man irrespective of social status having chivalrous qualities: a man whose conduct conforms to a certain standard of propriety or correct behavior. Certainly, this definition implies that a gentleman would be re-

spectful and courteous to all men, that he would possess restraint in judgment, and have sympathy for the wishes of others. Why is it, then, that a school which proclaims its central goal to be the nurturing of gentlemen, also places strong emphasis on appearance? A gentleman would not be concerned with the color of a man's skin or the shape of his eyes. Nor should he be concerned with the condition of that man's clothes or the length of his hair. None the less, Montgomery Bell Academy reserves two pages in its student handbook which clearly outline how their gentlemen will look.

Dr. Paschall has asked

us, as students of MBA, to make this a year of courtesy and respect for those in our community. This goal will never come to fruition unless basic prejudices are eliminated within the school itself. Therefore we, as students, must act now to make the necessary changes. We must understand that we are all very different and respect one another even in those differences. Perhaps then the administration will realize that they have made gentlemen out of us, even though our hair extends beyond our collars.

Note: The Entertainment Editors support the views of Mr. Heitzler.

...or Vain Individualism?

eralized. I don't.

I agree that length and shape of hair is one of the greatest expressions of individualism. However, I also think that Montgomery Bell Academy is not the place for this type of individualism. I think the best way we, as MBA students, have of expressing individualism is the activities we participate in and the way we act. The best form of individualism should

not be seen; it should come from within. It is our personality.

Besides, if we keep our hair short, we are expressing something better than the liberalism which long hair expresses. We are showing the traditional mark of a true gentleman. I think it looks more mature and it looks better to be clean cut. Let's short cutting our hair.

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FEATURES

The Greenhouse Effect: Environmental Armageddon

by John Koon

writer

While local politicians exhibit their incompetence bickering over a new landfill for Nashville, eyes are opening to a larger and much more serious issue: the greenhouse effect.

British scientists have reported that the five hottest years in the last hundred have been, in descending order, 1988, 1987, 1983, 1981, 1980. These figures agree with the theory that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is trapping heat and raising the earth's temperature at a phenomenal rate: three to eight degrees by 2050. And although many people simply dismiss global warming as meaning less snow and more Coppertone, the greenhouse effect could trigger catastrophic events of which more droughts are the least worth worrying about.

"The new world will be biologically less rich and less stable," says Dennis Murphy of the Center for Conservation Biology at Stanford University. Climatic zones may move as much as 300 miles away from the equator from where they are now, and countless species will not be able to make the move. Among the vulnerable ones will be most trees, because of their poor dispersing methods; localized species like the redwoods in California; most endangered species; alpine ecosystems, having no place to move; Arctic ecosystems, where the temperature

change will most likely be the greatest; and coastal communities, affected by sea level rises.

The Arctic areas would be effected most by a temperature change. There, a decline of sea ice, under which plankton, the base for many food chains, thrive, would mean a disappearance of plankton that would crush a huge number of fish and sea bird species. Polar bears, seals, and walrus, also dependent on sea ice, would vanish as well. In addition, a warm climate in the arctic tundra might thaw the permafrost, destroying the entire ecosystem there, affecting the calving grounds of Arctic caribou and numerous geese. Furthermore, the peat under the surface would begin to decay, releasing immense quantities of carbon dioxide and leading to even more warming.

Animal reproduction would be affected as well. For example, the gender of many reptiles depends on the temperature at which the eggs are incubated. For alligators, eggs kept at or above 93 degrees produce males, while those below 86 degrees produce females. Warming could mean a total absence of the latter sex.

But animals will not be the only ones to suffer from a climate change. The dust bowl will become commonplace in America's Midwest,

and the water volume in western rivers will decline by as much as 60% (as if Southern California didn't already have enough trouble pumping water 300 miles from the Sierra). In addition, the world's fishing would be shot down, and ocean currents could change, creating problems that would dwarf the ozone hole. If, for example, the Gulf Stream ceased carrying warm water north from the Caribbean, Europe would experience a new ice age with temperatures dropping over 10 degrees.

The tragedy of global warming is not inevitable yet. Scientists say that one of the three degrees of warming are already in progress, but further warming depends on how quickly man can react. Slowing the warming would mean incredible efforts on the part of all countries. Fossil fuel use must be re-routed. The use of coal should be replaced by the use of natural gas, which burns cleaner than all fossil fuels. Fossil fuel work should be optimized as well. For example, cars should be required to get economic gas mileage. This requirement was implemented during the oil crisis in the 1970's, but politicians now refuse to build on that base. Technology allowing for clean industries must also be made available to third world countries. Deforestation must be slowed or stopped as well. A burning tree releases more carbon dioxide than it has absorbed in its lifetime.

Timing is crucial in this battle for the Earth. It is necessary to take up arms immediately. There are many roles one can play to help in the fight: plant a tree - trees absorb 48 pounds of carbon dioxide a year; recycle aluminum, newspaper and other materials; use less gas and be more energy-wise; and, perhaps most importantly, write your Senator and voice support for bills supporting a stricter Clean Air Act and enlarging budgets for environmental research.

Noriega Captured. Now what?

by Babu Paruchuri

staff writer

The invasion of Panama was one of the boldest initiatives of President Bush in his presidency and could perhaps be either his biggest foreign policy victory or his biggest embarrassment. The invasion of Panama and capture of Noriega involved many complicated diplomatic, military, international, and legal problems; yet the America public harmoniously chanted its praise of this military intervention.

The invasion of Panama has ridded its people of a repressive regime but has also created much social instability within Panama. The invasion left 30,000 persons homeless and hundreds dead. The country has gradually worked its way from anarchy but at great costs. The distinct advantages of the invasion are attested to by the tremendous support within the country itself of the U.S. invasion with an overwhelming majority praising American presence in Panama.

The country has now been relieved of a man who singlehandedly controlled the government, military, and economy. Noriega clearly violated and manipulated the free elections within Panama as he rejected the authority of elected officials such as President Andora. The people of Panama continued to suffer under the pressure of U.S. sanctions during Noriega's rule, and the invasion clearly overthrew a tyrant in the minds of the Panamanians, yet the question remains as to the justification on legal grounds for the invasion.

President Bush repeatedly expressed his belief that the invasion of Panama was justified by the Panama Canal Treaty. Noriega's hostility towards Americans, the murder of an American soldier, and Noriega's many drug charges. The true motive to the invasion was to remove a thorn in the U.S. international credibility - Noriega. Although Bush referred to the Panama Canal as under a threat, it seems clear that, at the time of the invasion, the Panama Canal was in no danger. In addition, the Canal has failed to be of much strategic

importance for many years. Bush also openly referred to Noriega's declaration of war on the U.S.; however, it hardly seems likely that Panama could pose a major threat to a super power of the world.

Many countries have offered verbal threats to one another but rarely has a country invaded the threatening country because of verbal challenges. The death of an American military officer, although very tragic, could not seriously have been the instigation factor to the invasion. Bush could not face further humiliation from a leader who had survived economic sanctions, threats, and coups from the U.S. The result was an invasion designed to win the support of the American public. The invasion clearly set a poor precedent by indicating that invasion into a country which the U.S. feels is totalitarian should be allowed.

Noriega was a man who was easy to hate. He was a friend of the Cubans, the CIA, Nicaragua, and possibly of the man who desires presently to see Noriega behind bars. Noriega was clearly involved in drug smuggling while he was on the payroll of the CIA, yet the CIA looked the other way to gain a valuable source of intelligence. The hypocrisy of U.S. foreign policy is that it supports thugs, drug kingpins, dictators, and tyrants.

This contradictory foreign policy will result in a potentially troublesome trial in upcoming months. Noriega can escape some convictions by certain legal procedures which some Bush advisors failed to consider. Noriega is protected under the law by the right to certain classified documents which, if they are submitted in court, could cause a mistrial. Some lawyers indicated that Noriega as a political prisoner could not be put on trial. Others argue that a fair trial would be impossible in the current climate surrounding drugs and Noriega.

Thus, while the smoke clears in Panama and Florida courtrooms, it remains to be seen if Noriega will again have the last laugh.

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FEATURES & ENTERTAINMENT

Mayor Barry Gets Busted

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Twelve years ago, an idealistic civil rights crusader stormed into power. Twelve years ago, a hard-nosed political fighter thundered past old elitists to the office of mayor. Twelve years ago, Mayor Barry took up the mantle of "Mayor of the District of Columbia." Finally, twelve years ago, people were waiting for Mayor Barry's lightning strike and take a bite out of crime.

And they're still waiting. In the present, this "idealistic" mayor of hope is being arraigned on drug charges.

In a time when drug-related crimes make up a large portion of all crimes committed, it should fall to the country's leaders, such as Mayor Barry was supposed to be, to set an example for the rest of the nation. What is disgraceful is not only that the mayor of our nation's capital has a drug problem, but also his cavalier hypocrisy towards giving anti-drug speeches.

Nary a week before his arrest, he gave an anti-drug speech to a local school. By

now being shown to be a drug user, the message he sends is worse than sending no message at all. A speech that should have shown kids that a person can be successful without drugs, now tells kids that drugs are OK as long as one pretends to abhor them.

Some people have claimed that Mayor Barry's arrest was racially motivated. No one, except the prosecutors can actually answer this accusation. Claims have also been made that the way in which the mayor was caught constitutes entrapment. Since the case has not been dismissed, the courts obviously do not believe that his arrest constitutes entrapment. As to the first accusation, even if the arrest were racially motivated, one hard fact remains: Mayor Barry, under his own motivation, asked for the drugs; no one urged him on.

The mayor committed a crime. No one can argue the mayor's culpability. Therefore, the mayor deserves to be told that just because of his position and because of prejudice that do indeed exist he cannot defy the law with impunity.

MLK Day Stirs Up Klan

by Paul Moser

writer

In recent weeks, the infamous white-racist group the Ku Klux Klan has been frequently involved in the news. The increase of Klan talk has been due to the annual holiday dedicated to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Klan's main organizer of activities, Scott Shepard, has been trying to stage a full-scale show of the Klan's power in the small rural town of Pulaski. Shepard, however, has run into some problems.

On January 17, Shepard was thoroughly questioned by the FBI about several occurrences of which he seemed to have little or no knowledge. Agent Phil Thune of the FBI is slowly uncovering a racial plot against the judicial system. Thune questioned Shepard about December's mail bombings of a U.S. circuit judge and a civil rights leader.

Shepard claimed total ignorance of the matter, and refused to answer many of the questions asked. When asked about his relationships with leaders of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party, he refused to comment. Concerning the mail bombings, he said the people he knew wouldn't do it, and that it was probably fabricated by people disgusted with the KKK.

The people of Pulaski were disgusted with the KKK. Less than two weeks before MLK day, the Klan ran into a major setback. Pulaski's laws clearly state that no more than one parade may be held in its city on the same day.

The permit for this parade had conveniently been awarded to the "Brotherhood rally", promoting racial harmony. The Klan then tried to link the "Brotherhood rally" with gay rights activists by inviting them to the parade. Shepard made his opinion

clear, saying Pulaski would rather let "AIDS-infested queers march than good white Christians."

The Klan tried desperately to get another permit. Upon failure, they attempted to gain permission to use a local high school's gym for the rally. However, little league basketball had been scheduled and the Klan was stopped. They ended up holding the parade in nearby Lawrenceburg, but were not satisfied. Shepard is now trying to press charges against the government of Pulaski, stating that it was unconstitutional not to give the permit to the Klan. Chances are, he won't win.

The Klan has lost a major battle in Pulaski, showing the awakening of the small town. The city of Pulaski has finally figured out that the Klan is not only a group of racists, but possibly murderers.



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Fight Frigid Movie Season Ennui with New Video Releases

by Shade Murray

writer

Not many good movies are out now, and to cure winter boredom, your best bet is the video store and their new releases.

Parenthood - This Ron Howard film tries to cover every aspect of modern family life in two hours. Yes, it's all here: single parents, unwed mothers, divorces, imperfect children, generation gaps, drugs, sex, and the angst of the yuppie couple. The only thing they left out were gang wars, the greenhouse effect, and abortion, but I guess they need something to use in the event of a sequel. Sounds like a *thirysomething* plot from hell? It could have been, but humor of the screenwriters and the splendid cast (Steve Martin, Rick Moranis, Dianne Wiest, and Keanu Reeves, to name a few) make this an entertaining comedy.

The plot seems to spend too much time running from family to family and does not give enough insight into the characters, but luckily, the acting and comedy covers any plot holes.

New York Stories - This movie is perfect to watch on a VCR because you can fast-forward through Francis Coppola's awful "Life Without Moe." The other two segments, directed by Martin Scorsese and Woody Allen, are masterpieces of drama and comedy. "Life Lessons," directed by Scorsese, focuses on the relationship between an artist and his model. Allen's "Oedipus Wrecks" is his best work of the 80's. This comedy short shows what happens when a man's embarrassing Jewish mother accidentally becomes a large manifestation over New York City and humiliates him publicly, 24 hours-a-day.

Stone, Cruise Render Ron Kovic's Life in *Born on the Fourth of July*

by Cary Brothers

writer

He was a young Catholic boy with more spirit for our country in his little finger than most have in their whole body. Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, he went to war, Vietnam. On his third tour of duty, he was seriously wounded. A bullet ripped through his spine, paralyzing the young man from the waist down. Upon his return home, he found himself an outcast of society because of his paralysis and because he was a soldier in such a controversial war.

Ron Kovic, after spending many tortuous years finding himself, overcame his handicap and even spoke at the Democratic National Convention in 1972. Kovic is now the subject of a new film, *Born on the Fourth of July*, by writer/director Oliver Stone

(Platoon).

This film shows the final maturity of a major screen talent, Tom Cruise. Cruise's portrayal of Kovic surpasses any of his teen-aged just-look-good roles. In most of the film, Cruise takes a risk by putting his looks aside and playing a balding, scruffy veteran, but it works. His portrayal is so powerful and emotional that he makes this more of an experience of Kovic's life than a biographical film.

Stone also helps the realism by showing a no-holds-barred look at a bloody Vietnam surgical unit, the rat-infested Bronx Veterans' Hospital, and all other aspects of Kovic's life. These scenes are shocking and, finally, disgusting, but they are necessary for the film.

Cruise has already received a Golden Globe Award for the role and will

definitely receive an Oscar nod if not the Best Actor award itself for the film. This is one hell of a motion picture that everyone from the post-Vietnam generation should see to understand that era of America.

Movies to watch for:

The Hunt for Red October, the movie adaptation of Tom Clancy's thriller, with Sean Connery as the Russian submarine commander.

The Two Jakes, with Jack Nicholson reprising his *Chinatown* Role of Jack Gittes, a California private detective in the 1940's caught up in an oil scandal.

Robocop 2, with the metal guy fighting a ten-year-old drug lord. It's sure to have as much total violence and action as its predecessor.

Presumed Innocent, with Harrison Ford as a man wrongly accused of a murder in New York.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Creatures

by Eric Greenwood
staff writer

The Creatures are a spin-off group from the British post-punk band Siouxsie and the Banshees. The Creatures contain lead vocalist Siouxsie Sioux and drummer Budgie. With several U.K. releases they have been working together as The Creatures since the early eighties, but *Boomerang* is their debut American release.

After the Banshees finished the tour supporting their album *Peepshow*, bassist Steve Severin went off to work on movie soundtracks giving Siouxsie and Budgie a chance to record once again as The Creatures.

Their latest effort, *Boomerang*, makes up for their absence since the last Banshee album. This album starts off with "Standing There," a powerful opener with Siouxsie's distinct vocals keeping in time with Budgie's fast-paced Spanish-accented percussion and brass instruments which are quite apparent on such cuts as "Manchild" and "Willow."

The album is filled with ghost-like moans and distant, eerie vocals which add to the album's dark appeal. Siouxsie's clever use of overdubbing gives her vocals a wide range, moving from reflective echoes on "Pluto Drive" to her vocal intensity on "Standing There."

The Creatures are going to try and reproduce *Boomerang* live when they go on tour this spring. All of the instruments on the album are played by Siouxsie and Budgie except the brass parts which means that they will have to get a band together. They stated in a recent interview that they would be using pre-recorded samples to strengthen the live show.

When asked about the future of the Banshees, Siouxsie said that they would be getting together with Steve Severin after the tour to plan the next Banshee album that hopefully will be out next year.



Hallucinations

by Jim Haynes

Entertainment Editor

Industrial noise is the experimental art-form of Throbbing Gristle in the early 70's. Throbbing Gristle basically composed electronic noise and static that challenged the concept of what ordered music should be. But as Chris Carter and Cosey Fanni Tutti left the band to pursue commercial techno-pop, such music ceased to exist. However, when Alain Jourgensen founded Wax Trax Records in 1980, industrial noise returned with a vengeance.

Released on Wax Trax, The Revolting Cocks became one of the first industrial bands of the eighties with the collaboration of Richard 23, Alain Jourgensen, and Luc Van Acker. Their first album, *Big Sexy Land*, is a fast-paced assault of samples, synthesizers, and a driving bass with critical lyrics all based around the Union Carbide poisoning of Bhopal, India.

In 1987, The Revolting Cocks added Paul Barker, William Reiffin, and Chris Connelly to replace Richard 23, who returned to his original band, Front 242. Soon after, *You Goddamned Son of a Bitch* was recorded live in Chicago. This live album, aside from a great title, featured a heavy amount of guitar feedback that has become a trademark of industrial noise. The music tends to deteriorate a little towards the end of the album as the band gets increasingly drunk and as Jourgensen trips on acid.

Jourgensen and Paul Barker are Ministry, probably standing as the leaders of industrial noise. Behind an amazingly fast beat and Barker's compelling bass lines, Jourgensen thrashes through an aggressive mael-

strom of synthesizers and guitars. *The Land of Rape and Honey* is a violent and dark album with hideous connotations in "Stigmata" about pure pain and "The Golden Dawn" with samples from the tortures of the Spanish Inquisition. *The Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Taste* continues on the violent side but with tighter yet more destructive guitars and heavily distorted vocals.



In a collaboration called *Lard*, Barker and Jourgensen have been joined by Jello Biafra from the Dead Kennedys. "The Power of the Lard" features Biafra's cynical lyrics of the eighties and the music of Ministry.

Pailhead has released two singles on Wax Trax, both being sonic experiments in hardcore dance music. "I Will Refuse" combines samples of murmuring crowds, an overpowering bass, and a hammering beat. "Trait" is a little more subtle than their previous single, but Pailhead continues in the same harsh

Industrial Hammerings and Decompositions

realm of dance tunes.

Front 242, also on Wax Trax, stays away from the guitar and makes complete use of the synthesizers and sequencers. *Official Version* features a darker side to the band in their aggressive dance music, while *Front to Front* is not as potent.

The Swiss group The Young Gods have released an interesting compilation of industrial sounds on *L'eau*

singing about sex, to nearly punk hardcore ("Pas Mal") and orchestral baroque ("Les Enfants"). Franz Treichler's vocals and Cesare Pizzi's keyboards manipulate the tones in every song to create such a variety of songs.

Skinny Puppy have soaked every piece of their music in their own blood. In *Vivisect VI*, Skinny Puppy dissects the songs with harsh distortion, obscure samples, offbeat drums, and altered vocals. Their latest album, *Rabies*, features production by Alain Jourgensen and, as a result, has more guitars and a completely unified sound. In both of these albums, the lyrics are extremely bizarre and don't make any sense except for their ominous portrayal of death.

If you would enjoy dancing to assaulting beats with heavily distorted guitars while putting your head through the wall, industrial noise is for you. If not, you're boring.

Up there: Franz Treichler of The Young Gods
Down here: Alain Jourgensen of Ministry.



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SPORTS

Freshmen Basketball
Aims for Districtby Michael Brooks
reporter

This year's freshman basketball team, under the direction of Coach John Bennett, has been extremely successful so far during its season. The squad has compiled an impressive record of 8-2, with the only two losses coming from Father Ryan.

The team includes thirteen talented freshmen: Arendale, Barrett, Batey, Berry, Cummings, Dickey, Fuqua, Hamling, Hill, Koon, Russ, Sitton, and Ward. Much needed leadership is given by the starting five composed of John Arendale, Jody Cummings, Mark Fuqua, Andy Ward, and R. A. Dickey. Dickey poses a potent scoring threat to the opposing teams with his average of 22 points a game, while Arendale and Ward each chip in an average 5 points a game.

In the fourth game of the season, after having lost to Ryan the game before, the team "rebounded" for a 41-36 win over Whites Creek. Dickey led all scorers with 27 points. After posting two "W's" in the win column against rivals, Hillwood and Overton (John Arendale, 11 points), the frosh came back to MBA for a well-deserved three game home stand. Paced by 14 points from both the "Dickster" and Andy Ward, the Big Red proved to be too tough for the Firebirds of Pearl-Cohn in the first of

the three home games. Although there were many highlights in this game, the one that stands above the rest was the graceful canning of a three-pointer by PC's center.

In the second home game during the homestand, MBA was anything but snake-bitten against the Cobras from Whites Creek, prevailing 44-35. Ending their stay at home, the Big Red tipped off with the Overton Bobcats. This game definitively turned out to be a barn-burner with MBA coming out on top 31-29 (Dickey-15, Cummings-12).

When a person glances at this team's stat-book, he can easily see that the key to MBA's success this season has been the three-pointer. The long range marksmen from MBA (Arendale, Cummings, Dickey) have been deadly this winter with a 3-pointer percentage of 60%. In addition to the outside game, the play in the paint has been truly significant to the squad's success.

The team hopes to keep up the winning on into the district tournament, where they will probably have another chance at defeating the Irish. So, if you can, come out and watch R. A. Dickey with his wrist band on his left ankle (or is it his right?) and the Big Red freshman basketball team roll on to a district title amongst a plethora of Alabama caps.

Swimmers Plagued by Flu;
Cummings to go to Nationalsby Pieter Foster
staff reporter

On November 1, the MBA swim team took to the water under very different circumstances from any of the four previous seasons. Since the Nashville Aquatic Club, where the team had practiced since 1986, was condemned by the Department of Health last April, MBA swimmers were forced to seek new facilities at the Westside Aquatic Center.

They found the outdoor pool, heated to a toasty 78 degrees in the 27 degree air, to be quite invigorating, and it was soon discovered that, next to working out in the whirlpool found in the locker room, swimming faster was the only way to keep warm.

This "need for speed" became so well ingrained in the swimmers' minds that they won a majority of their races at the "Tiger Invitational" Relay Meet held on November 10 against University School and Hillsboro High. Only because of the scoring connection with St. Cecilia Academy, who had a grand total of three swimmers

and eventually competed in five of the eleven events, did the team finish last. The experience would not be wasted however, as the sight of senior Scott Yates pitching underclassman Chip Anderson nearly halfway across the pool in an effort to win the "T-shirt relay" was worth the pain of an unearned defeat.

Three weeks later, the team faced Brentwood High and finished only twenty points behind the current state champions. MBA won many of the events, such as the highly competitive 200 medley relay comprised of Pieter Foster, Bo Sundius, Brent Cummings, and Scott Yates. Among the many excellent races, Brent Cummings won the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke while Bo Sundius won the 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. State qualifying times were also turned in by Scott Yates, Bryce Hillis, and Pieter Foster.

Within ten days after returning from Christmas vacation, the MBA team competed in two very tough meets

against University School, Father Ryan, and Laverne High School. The first meet against USN was an easy victory with the Big Red winning almost all of the events; but five days later, with almost half the team sick with the flu, MBA was overcome by the Irish as a result of having to forfeit the 400 meter Freestyle relay. Father Ryan won by only four points while Laverne placed a distant third. Several state qualifying times were turned in, however, from Howard Reitz and Andrew Publow, making the defeat a little less painful.

Only the regional conference meet and state competition remain in the season and the Big Red is expected to turn in a strong finish to a long season. Of particular note is that in early December, Brent Cummings won the regional U.S. Swimming championship in the breaststroke competition. He will be competing in the national meet in March and should do very well in high school competition at the state meet on February 17.

Pieter Foster averts his eyes as Scott Yates sneezes something into the pool.



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Team in its
quest for
State!
-from a friend

PW's Fishin' Corner

by Clayton Dike
reporter

What's up? I know fishing has been slow these past months. About the only thing hitting were intermittent sauger catches on Rickswick and Kentucky Lakes. However, the end of this month all the way through May should produce very fine bass action on J. Percy Priest Lake.

This month, concentrate on smallmouth only. Use small leadhead flies and 6 pound test line, and drop the bait down 20 feet or so at the base of rock bluffs.

May and April should produce some hot action for

smallmouth, largemouth, and hybrids. Motor your boat out of Elm Hill Marina, across the lake, and find rocky points in which you can throw charrreuse gulls, crankbaits, and even top water plugs. An average catch for a day off these points could be 3 or 4 smallies weighing 3-5 pounds, plus 15 pounds worth of good eatin' hybrids.

Perhaps the hottest action at this time is the bonanza of 20-25 pound striper caught off points with top water baits such as red fin (Cordell) or torpedo (Heddon).

Good luck and good fishin'.

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Frosh Wrestlers
Place Thirdby Andrew Vahrenkamp
reporter

With the football season over, young freshmen's minds turned to thoughts of wrestling. Led by the infamous Coach Gaither, the Frosh defeated powerful teams from Brentwood and Overton before losing to McGavock, the eventual champs.

The freshmen rose stronger from the fall with first place in the Overton Classic, one of the most prestigious events in the sport. Not wanting to let their greatness down, the grapplers took out Ryan, Antioch, Hendersonville, and powerhouse Franklin before journeying to the regional tournament in Franklin.

In that tournament, Jim Uden, Glenn Gaston, and John Crosslin all won their respective weight divisions. Baker Eadie and Brandon Hughes also proved their power with second and third place respectively. Overall, the Big Red placed a strong third with bright hopes for the future.

Coach Gaither, when asked about his 9-1 team in the middle of Latin class, responded, "They are excellent. They work hard. Now open your 'liber flavius.'" Hopefully, the Varsity will profit from these excellent, hard-working wrestlers in years to come.

Varsity Wrestlers Bring Home District Title

by Luke Davis
staff reporter

The varsity wrestling team decided at the beginning of the year to extend its dual meet season as long as possible. For this reason, they showed up at the Regional finals and came within three points of completing the upset of the year. Despite the fact that no one in Nashville believed MBA had a chance of beating McGavock and their two Whites Creek transfers, the grapplers proved their prowess by winning six of the matches wrestled to McGavock's five. M.B.A. gave one of the best performances of the year despite several key injuries to Sanders, Carney, Leek, Clements, Crawford, and Brooks.

Before Christmas, the Big Red entered the Overton Tournament with a 7-1 record and a healthy squad, with the exception of Lance Carney, who broke his foot midway through the Hillwood match but still managed to defeat his cocky opponent. MBA proceeded to put seven people in the finals, four of whom became champions, en route to a runaway first place finish.

After Christmas, MBA participated in the Father Ryan Invitational, which brought together some of the best teams in the state. The Big Red finished a respectable sixth out of some thirty

teams. The highlight of the tournament was co-captain David Trainer's 7-6 victory over Tywon "Tarzan" Armstrong in the 171 pound finals.

The following week, MBA returned to Ryan to try to win the District Title outright. Co-captain John Bass and Lance Carney scored spectacular pins, and Sam Bartholomew made a gutsy performance by wrestling a heavyweight some forty pounds larger. However, important injuries to Dan Brooks and Eric Crawford forced the Big Red to put wrestlers on the mat in higher-than-normal weight classes, and MBA fell just short. A Ryan loss to Overton, coupled with a Bobcat win over Hill-

wood, left MBA in a three-way tie for the district championship. By virtue of its fifteen dual meet wins, MBA became district champions for the first time in many years and earned its first-ever berth in the Region Dual meet finals.

The Big Red stopped Franklin 36-28, and trounced Stratford 44-22 in the preliminaries to reach the finals against the Blue Raiders. Harwell, Sanders, Carney, Leek, and Trainer all recorded important victories, but the most dramatic came when Billy Crawford pinned his man despite an injured knee on which he was forbidden to wrestle. Barry Downer also

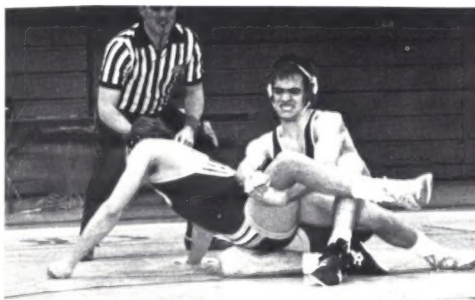
turned in a great performance against unbeaten Tim Carrol. Though McGavock was also slowed by injuries, things might have been different if MBA had had Brooks to fill the vacant heavyweight spot. The Big Red should be praised for their stunning performance.

The wrestlers now turn their attention to the Region and State individual tournaments. They have set their goals high and should challenge for the region title. Please come out on February 9-10 to Father Ryan, or if you happen to be in the neighborhood of Chattanooga the following weekend, drop in and watch a pin.



Above:
John Bass
crushes his
opponent's face
into the mat.

Right:
George Clements
grimaces as he
twists his
opponent into
submission.



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Varsity Hoopsters Chase State Title

by Casey Jones
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and Rob Lance
reporter

The MBA basketball team is off to an excellent start this season with an overall record of 11 wins and 5 losses. This season, more than half way completed, has seen the Big Red post impressive performances in both district and non-district play.

After an impressive eight point victory over the Burros of Hillsboro on December 4, MBA travelled to Father Ryan to renew to rivalry between the Fighting Irish and the Big Red. This emotionally charged game found the rowdy MBA students spurring the Big Red to a 62-56 victory on the Irish's home court. Alex Waddey and Joe Underwood led attack with 23 points and 11 points respectively.

December 8 found the Big Red preparing to compete the Cookeville Cavaliers; however, the team was forced to postpone its game because of the inclement weather during the cold snap of mid-December.

MBA's next game saw a return to district play. The Big Red faced Whites Creek, the top rated team in the state, at Brownlee O. Curry gymnasium on December 12. Although the Big Red battled hard throughout the entire game with a fine defensive effort, Whites Creek proved too much for the team who fell 39-84. Mayes led the MBA scoring department with 11.

On December 27, the

Big Red saw action in the Brentwood Invitational at Brentwood High. In the first round game, the squad, led by high scorers Taylor Mayes with 15 and Joe Underwood with 12, worked off their Christmas dinners by thrashing Columbia 85-49, thus proving their dominance on the court.

The victory put MBA into the finals against a very strong Brentwood team whom they defeated last year by one point 59-58. Going into the game the Big Red knew they had to shut down the Bruin offensive attack. In an extremely close game, the Big Red prevailed defeating the Bruins 59-57, thus capturing the championship title. The scoring was again led by Mayes with 20 and Underwood with 15.

Posting a 6-1 record, the Big Red faced a stretch of four very important district games

which saw MBA win three of the four games, with its only loss coming in a closely battled game to Father Ryan. In this stretch the Big Red posted victories over Hillsboro 76-59, Overton 58-

battle between the two rivalries, MBA failed to overcome the last minute buckets of the Irish. In the MBA students' onslaught on the Irish players and fans, much loyalty to the school and hostility toward

the opponents was evident but not sufficient for a win.

On January 20, 1990, the Big Red met McGavock in a non-district match-up which saw the Big Red play a close game eventually coming up short 58-66. Mayes led the attack with 12 points while both Waddey and Southwood added 10.

After a tough road loss to McGavock, the Big Red returned home to face an almost formidable Stratford team. This game

saw the Big Red display both their offensive punch and defensive prowess by routing Stratford 71-38. Senior captain Alden Smith led the team by scoring 21 points. The strong defensive effort was reflected in the meager 38

point performance by the opponent.

Then, on January 26, MBA again met the Cobras of Whites Creek on the Cobras home court. Seeking revenge for its earlier loss, the team strongly met the Creek and played an excellent game although it suffered a second defeat 45-62. The challenging game saw junior Walter "Jerry" Southwood lead MBA with twelve points.

Making up a postponed game with Pearl Cohn, MBA faced its opposition on the opponents' home court. In a tough, close battle, the Big Red came up short and was denied victory 41-46. Walter Southwood again led the MBA offensive attack pocketing 16 points.

Coming off a tough district loss, the squad regrouped and downed Hunter's Lane 67-63. Taylor Mayes led the battle with 21 points, and Alden Smith chipped in 14.

The remaining games of the season shall prove to be very exciting. With such strong backup as Richard Arendale, Warren "300 Z" Connelley, Chris "Zoom" Vlahos, Tate McDaniel, Charlie Williams, Brian Normment and the all powerful John Schlansker to augment the strong starting squad consisting of Southwood, Waddey, Mayes, Smith, and Underwood, the team should compete strongly against their remaining foes as they complete their regular season and strive to excel in post season action.



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Joe Underwood goes up for the shot against the Overton Bobcats on January 5.

46, and Hillwood 53-46.

Then, on January 19, the students packed into Brownlee O. Curry Gymnasium to support the Big Red in their quest to defeat the Evil Empire of Elliston Place once again. In a close, defensive

JV Basketball Having Slow Season

by Ryan Tyrrell
reporter

This year's J.V. basketball team has had an up and down season. After starting off with a one point loss to Maplewood at the buzzer, the team came back to win five games in a row. In doing so, they defeated such teams as Hillsboro, Hillwood, Whites Creek, Overton, and B.G.A.

However, the next two months proved to be disastrous for the team. They suffered

losses to such powers as Stratford at home, and Whites Creek, Pearl-Cohn, and most recently Hunter's Lane on the road.

The team has been led throughout the season by a group of talented players. At the guards, the team consists of sophomore Hunter Connally and junior Charlie Williams with sophomores David Fitzgerald and Jackson Wray to back them up. Down low, the team relies on sophomore

John Schlansker and juniors Brian Normment and Chris Vlahos to get the job done. They are backed up by sophomores Patrick Hale, Scott Hande, and Tad Wood.

In the future, the Big Red, led by coach Ken Downey, is hoping to finish out the rest of their district games with a winning record. Despite the fact that the varsity only loses two players next year, I'm sure the J.V. contributions will be seen.

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